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Red China Reveals Split With Moscow

Opposes Disarming Plan of Khrushchev

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UPI).—Out of Communist China this week came an amazing document, which both fascinated and disturbed United States officials.

It was one of the strongest and most detailed statements ever made of Red China's "hard line" in the cold war. And it revealed a deep tactical split between the Peiping government and Moscow.

The document was an article in "Red Flag," theoretical journal of the central committee of the Chinese Communist party. State Department officials had to read only the first paragraphs to realize it was something out of the ordinary.

Ring of Authority

The article was signed "Yu Chao-li," apparently a pen name. Western intelligence indicates no such person exists. But in the last year the name has appeared on a number of important articles which have a ring of high government authority.

The article was an open debate with Soviet Prime Minister Nikita S. Khrushchev on Communist tactics in the East-West struggle. In theoretical language, it flatly opposed Mr. Khrushchev's moves for world disarmament.

While the Soviets recently have played down the Communist theory of inevitable imperialist wars, Yu played up the theory.

It's Lenin Theories

"Lenin taught us," he wrote, "that in an era of imperialism, the system of imperialism is the source of war."

To imperialists peace is nothing more than an interval between two wars. . . . They will never lay down the butcher's knife."

Of Mr. Khrushchev's arguments for peaceful coexistence, Yu wrote:

"The Marxist-Leninist parties do not reject peaceful means for carrying out socialist revolution. But when the exploiting class uses violence against the people, the possibility of employing other means has to be considered, namely, the transition to socialism by non-peaceful means."

While Mr. Khrushchev has urged Red China to soft-pedal its demands for the Nationalist Chinese island of Formosa, Yu said in apparent open rebuttal: "To repudiate civil war, or to forget about it, would mean sinking into extreme opportunism and renouncing the socialist revolution."

Concerning Tactics Only

United States officials have watched with increasing interest the ideological split between Russia and Red China. The split is not new, but Yu's article, which officials believe must have had high government clearance, was the most definitive recent statement of it.

Officials carefully noted that the split concerns tactics only, not basic Communist aims. They saw no hope of a fundamental falling out between the two Communist giants.

Commenting on the rift, Gen. C. P. Cabell, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said:

"We have a stake in the outcome of this dispute. Should the Chinese prevail in their views the Communist world might revert to the harshness which characterized the Stalin era. Should the Soviets impose their views, the united Sino-Soviet program would still present a great challenge to us and to the under-developed countries of the world. In any event we face a serious threat from both Communist camps."

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